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Delores Brown
Chief Office of Environmental Compliance
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Ms. Brown,

The La Verne Chamber of Commerce has grown increasingly concerned about the decline in the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the deteriorating reliability of this key water supply for two-thirds of all California's residents as well as for half of the nation's produce.

We commend the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's collaborative effort among water agencies, environmental organizations, state and federal agencies. The Plan is key to mapping out a comprehensive conservation plan and a solution for the Delta. The key to a reliable water system is a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuild water conveyance system.

La Verne Chamber of Commerce supports the BDCP's environmental review process, an essential component to the success of the ultimate plan. We applaud the goal of the plan to place the environmental health of the Delta and the reliability of our state's water system on equal footing.

All of us who live and work in California depend on a reliable water supply. We need sufficient quality in wet years to replenish our storage systems. We need high quality water to replenish our groundwater basins and to blend with local supplies and those of the Colorado River. We need a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt conveyance system. Reliability is a key concern.

The success of the BDCP is essential to the continued economic health of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Howarth".

Gary Howarth
Chairman